

Talk with ADE

Friday January 26, 2007
Balsz Elementary District Board Room
10:00 AM

- Welcome by Lynn Busenbark
- Lynn addressed the leadership changes that have taken place in ESS recently. Lynn will be acting Deputy Associate Superintendent until her retirement in June. Lynn also announced Colette Chapman as the Assistant Deputy Associate Superintendent, who will assume the DAS position after Lynn's retirement, and Diane Mignella as the new Director of Program Operations.
- State Performance Plan (SPP)
 - Lynn reported that the ESS department has prepared the annual report.
 - The baseline was the percentage of where we were last year. The target percentages demonstrate improvement and the results percentage is what we actually achieved.
 - The preschool and high school outcomes will be out in next year's report.
 - Ethnicity suspension, parent involvement and resolution effectiveness are new indicators and have not been calculated.
 - The federal report will be up on the web in a couple of weeks with the individual findings. Indicators 1-14 must be posted with the target and results calculation.
 - USDOE will assign a designation to each state. The designations are complies, needs assistance, needs intervention and needs substantial intervention.
 - Indicator 20 (accurate and timely reporting of data) will play heavily on the designation from USDOE, which is something we need to work on.
 - Under 300.600 there is a subtle statement that the states shall make a similar finding for each LEA.
 - Lynn handed out a draft of a memo to Superintendent Horne and Lillie Sly regarding the IDEA requirement to assign labels to public education agencies in the state. She reiterated that it is only a draft and to be cautious when sharing the information.
- HB 2184 – Special Education Definitions
 - There are 4 proposed changes and 1 proposed addition to this bill.
- HB 2393 – Surrogate Parent
 - A representative from Mesa is supporting recommended changes which would let ADE appoint surrogate parents instead of the courts. It would be much easier and clearer for ADE to appoint surrogate parents.
- Group A Special Education Funding
 - A bill is being proposed to increase special education funding for group A students from .003 to .037. This would increase the amount from \$12.50 to \$125 per group A student.

- Post school outcome survey
 - Steve Mishlove handed out forms relating to the new post school outcome surveys. The cohort will depend on the monitoring cycle. Most schools selected can not sample. Mesa and Tucson Unified are large enough so that they have the ability to sample.
 - Schools will need to utilize an interview and make at least three attempts over a two week period to contact the student. After those attempts have been made, the school may mail the survey.
 - There will be a web based program, which will be available in April, to input the data.
 - The information will be used to report to OSEP.
 - Schools can go beyond the sample interview with more questions.
 - At the April SEAA meeting, the parent involvement survey will be handed out. This is required to be done every six years.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday February 23, 2007.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00 PM.